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OCJS to Award \$112,500 to METRICH Enforcement Unit

- What:** The Ohio Department of Public Safety's Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) will present the METRICH Enforcement Unit a check for \$112,500 in Edward R. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program funding for calendar year 2014. The METRICH Enforcement Unit is a decentralized task force that serves more than 550,000 residents throughout North Central Ohio in the following counties: Ashland; Crawford; Hancock; Huron; Knox; Marion; Morrow; Richland; Seneca; and Wyandot.
- Who:** John Born, Director, Ohio Department of Public Safety
Karhlton Moore, Executive Director, Office of Criminal Justice Services
Chief Kenneth Coontz, Mansfield Police Department
Mansfield City Officials
Members of the METRICH Enforcement Unit
- Where:** Mansfield Police Department
(Hutchinson Classroom)
30 N. Diamond St.
Mansfield, Ohio 44902
- When:** Monday, Feb. 3, 2014
11:00 a.m.
- Why:** OCJS administers the Edward R. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program, which allows local and state governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on the needs and conditions of the jurisdictions. Ohio projects support various components of the criminal justice system from multijurisdictional drug task forces to school resource officers, drug, veteran and mental health courts, correction projects to justice technology initiatives.